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(SBU) Pol-Econ Counselor delivered reftel demarche to Czech MFA UN Department Director Jan Michal on December 20. Michal indicates that the GOCR is "not enthusiastic" about the budgetary growth forecast in the 2008-09 UN budget, and believes that this concern is shared to varying degrees among EU members. Michal described the Czech position as close to Germany. On the other hand, Michel thought that UN politics offered little room for negotiations on the budget, and was not optimistic of success. He appreciated receiving the two USG proposals for compromise and promised to coordinate with the Czech UN Mission.  
Thompson-Jones